Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is home to 233 dairy farm families who provide a wholesome product that contributes to good nutrition of the state's families and those beyond its borders; and,

Whereas, Those dairy farmers provide $2.36 billion or $26,294 per cow of economic impact to the state of South Dakota through their production inputs, workforce, and further processing; and,

Whereas, Tax on diary production provides $28 million to the benefit of South Dakota citizens while employing 6230 employees; and,

Whereas, South Dakota dairy farmers follow strict protocols to provide responsible environmental, sustainable, and animal care practices on their farms to help make South Dakota a better place to live; and,

Whereas, Dairy farms are a significant outlet for South Dakota-raised crops, contributing to the overall agricultural and rural economy which carries through to our towns and cities; and,

Whereas, The presence of dairy farms and their families in South Dakota allows the state's citizens access to a local source of nutrient – rich dairy food like milk, cheese, and yogurt in an overall balanced diet; and aim to advocate for health products, healthy and underserved people, healthy communities, and a healthy planet – now and for future generations:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

DAIRY MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State